

REMARKS

Claim 1-18 are pending in the present application. No claims have been added. Claims 4 and 13 have been cancelled. Therefore, upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1-3, 5-12, and 14-18 will be pending.

Claims 4-6, 13-15 have been objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended claims 1 to have the limitations of 4 and claim 10 to have the limitations of claim 13. Examiner has indicated claims 4 and 13 as allowable. Thus, claims 1 and 10 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 3, and 5-9 are dependent, directly or indirectly upon claim 1.

Claims 11-12, and 14-18 are dependent, directly or indirectly upon claim 10.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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